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## RESPONSE SUBMITTED IN REPLY TO NOTICE **OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

As part of the documents supporting the Request For Continuing Examination filed on September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2003 with the U.S. Patent Office, applicants presented their substantive Response in full to the most recently received (final) Official Action mailed April 11, 2003 for the above-identified application.

Subsequently, A Notice of Non-compliant Amendment was mailed on October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2003 which identified non-compliance in form of the amendment to the claims made filed September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2003. This Reply therefore presents the claims in a form and manner which is in full compliance with the mandatory revised amendment practice of 37 C.F.R. 121. A complete listing of all the claims, including withdrawn claims, in ascending numerical order is presented, beginning on the immediately following page.